HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 67

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORT MARCY AS AN IMPORTANT AND HISTORIC LANDMARK IN SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the present site of Fort Marcy was first selected and used by surrounding pueblo Indian chiefs as a headquarters for the revolt of 1680; and

WHEREAS, in April 1846, an unsettled dispute between the United States and Mexico over territorial boundaries lent itself to the Mexican-American War; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of President James R. Polk, General Stephan Watts Kearney was directed to establish military headquarters in Santa Fe to carry out the occupation of the disputed lands, and the headquarters was named Fort William Marcy in honor of the secretary of war; and

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WHEREAS, in 1848, the land dispute was settled under the provisions of the Tratado de Guadal upe Hidal go between Mexico and the United States, wherein the boundaries were established and a cash settlement was made to Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the disputed land remained under the command of the United States military until the territory of New Mexico was established in 1850, and the soldiers remained at Fort Marcy until the fort was deactivated in 1894;

NOW. THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request and encourage all local governments, civic, fraternal, social, religious, philanthropic groups, youth groups, older Americans, private and public schools and, especially, veterans' organizations to join together and donate their resources and energy to preserve and restore Fort Marcy to reflect its important part in our rich history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of New Mexico proudly recognize the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Fort Marcy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor of the great state of New Mexico declare by proclamation that September 16, 1996 is designated "Fort Marcy Day" in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the governor and to the city manager of Santa Fe.